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Mr. Stan Wagner  
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Re: Modification of Exploration Plan, Drilling Plan Deficiencies for Federal Gilsonite Lease U-0126939

BLM has reviewed your plan dated August 19, 2004 and finds the following deficiencies in your plan. In order to continue processing your plan, BLM requires that these items be addressed. It is advisable that as part of your plan that you commit to all lease stipulations and previous exploration conditions of approval already granted under the proposed drilling plan.

1. Description of the environment along with the distribution and abundance of vegetation.
2. Wildlife habitat (especially T & E species).
3. Present land uses.
4. Measures to control or prevent:
  - A. Fires
  - B. Soil erosion
  - C. Pollution of surface water
  - D. Pollution of ground water. The plan only addressed the administrative actions that would be taken if water was encountered. Please discuss the unlikely event of high flows of ground water.
  - E. Damage to wildlife and their habitat
  - F. Damage to other Natural Resources (paleontological, archeological, etc.)
  - G. Hazards to public health other than hazardous materials
5. Reclamation Schedule
6. Method of grading, backfilling, soil stabilization and compacting
7. Method of planting
8. Estimated time table for the project

BLM understands that travel will be limited to existing roads including 2-track roads. Drilling pits will only be utilized if necessary and water will come from a private source. In addition to

drilling, Ziegler may utilize a not disturbing geophysical technique to locate the vein. At this time Ziegler does not plan on trenching the vein.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mr. Stan Perkes at (801) 539-4036.

Sincerely,

/s/ **Stanley Perkes**

*Acting*

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